GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4087
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CRISIS IN DIBRUGARH DOORDARSHAN KENDRA .
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report captioned `Crisis in Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra` appearing in the `Assam Tribune` date March 24, 2002;

(b) whether there was a scheme for upgrading this Kendra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for delay and the time by when the expansion project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The scheme for up-gradation of the Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra involvesincrease of height of the existing TV tower from 75 metres to 150 metres. The increase in height was envisaged to be done in RCC and steel structure.

(d): The work was tendered with wide publicity, but no response was received. The feasibility of increasing the tower height in all steel frame was examined in consultation with IIT-Chennai, which has confirmed the alternative proposal and finalized the design.The work will be re-tendered. Depending on the outcome of the tender, it would take about two years for the work to be completed after its award.